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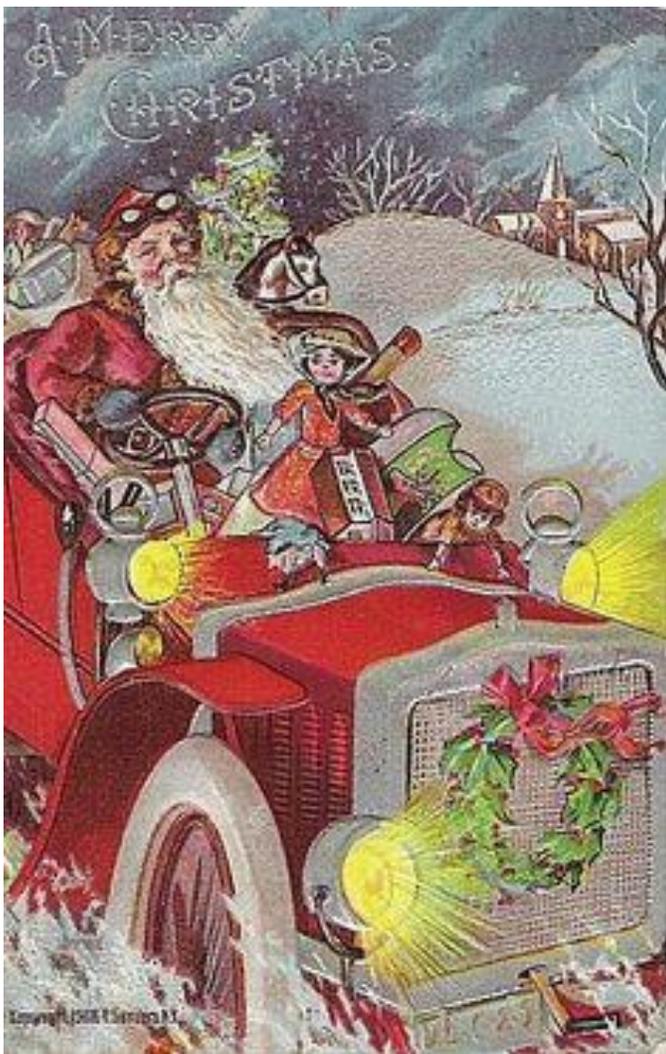
2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Brethauer, Pat Farrell, Dave Ellis (2017)
Harold Musolf, III, Mike McGinnis, and Mike Martin (2018)

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Christmas dinner and business meeting at the Akers. As tour chairmen, they have been diligently working on our 2018 Fall Tour that will take place in Coos Bay, Oregon. At our December meeting, the Fall Tour volunteer workers' list will be passed around. Please feel free to volunteer for a position that you would feel comfortable with. There are several positions still available that could use your most appreciated help.

At our last November board meeting held at Donna and Mike McGinnis', we spent over two hours sorting out different club related issues. All issues were eventually sorted out. Our board members and officers were a pleasure to work with.

I am looking forward to both our Christmas dinner and our business meeting held at the Aker's car collection. Amongst their large car collection, the Akers also have a 1910 Stanley touring. Now, why would I mention a Stanley steam car? See you all there.

SSssteamer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

AKA Pat Farrell

2017/18 Calendar

Please submit calendar updates to Tom Brethauer promptly, as future planning depends on this information.

DECEMBER 2017

Dec 9 Christmas party, Denny Aker's Garage. Tom and Robb coordinating.

FEBRUARY 2018

Feb 17-18 Early Bird Swap Meet Puyallup
Contact: Charlie Ostlund Ph 253-863-6211 email: charlieos@q.com

APRIL 2018

Apr 7-11 2018 HCCA Convention, Tenaya Lodge – Yosemite National Park, CA, Bob Ladd - jbobladd@ptd.net (717) 269-5508 and Michael Sullivan – tenparry@yahoo.com (805) 728-5317

Apr 12-14 Bakersfield Tour and Swap Meet

President's Ramblings

Our Skagit Snohomish Regional Group of HCCA, Inc. is healthy and is heading into 2018 on an excellent course. All of our Board of Directors have volunteered to run for yet another year. Unless we have some new nominations at our December meeting, we will have the same officers again in 2018 except that Donna McGinnis who is running for the vacated secretary position left open by our outgoing Elaine Ellis. A big thank you goes to Elaine for her past service as secretary to our regional group. A big thank you also goes to Donna McGinnis for running for the position of secretary. We have had Donna as a Skagit-Snohomish regional HCCA officer in the past and based on her past record, she will not disappoint you.

Driving all of the way from Oregon, Vicki and Joe Morgan are planning this year on attending our

SKAGIT-SNOHOMISH REGIONAL HCCA October 28th, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 pm by President **Pat Farrell** at Hubb's Pizza & Pasta in Arlington. We wish to thank **Dave & Elaine** for arranging our tour and meeting location today. 26 members were present and 1 guest Jan Shaffer at the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes from the July meeting were not read aloud. A move was made by **Vicki Markley** to approve the July minutes as printed in the July newsletter. The motion was seconded by **Donna McGinnis**.

Treasurer's Report: **Vicki Markley** reported that there was a bill from the the printing of the newsletter to be paid but the club is still solvent.

Sunshine Committee Report: **Penny Cruger** has been very ill and a card will be sent. Our good wishes go out to her. **Carolyn Martin** is suffering from a bad case of the Shingles and **Donna McGinnis** is faring very well from back surgery.

Old Business: **Mike Martin** gave a financial report on the Clarkston HCCA tour. There is a shortfall on the tour and an advance from the regular tour account will take care of this. The account will then be closed and whatever monies are left will be returned to the regular tour account for next year's tour.

Vicki Morgan forwarded a list of tasks that needed volunteers to help on next years' tour. **Pat Farrell** will return that list to Vicki.

Rob Johnson and **Tom Brethauer** reported that Christmas party will be at **Denny Aker's** Garage on the 9th of December. It will be a catered event, costing each couple \$35.00.

New Business:

Nominations were held for next year's officers:

Pat Farrell	President
Ray Markley	Vice-President
Vicki Markley	Treasurer
Donna McGinnes	Secretary

The Board will remain the same.

Merrily Farrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Tom Brethauer**.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: **Elaine Ellis**

SKAGIT-SNOHOMISH HCCA Board meeting November 6th, 2017

The Skagit-Snohomish HCCA Board meeting was brought to order at 12:19 PM on November 6th, 2017, by President **Pat Farrell** at **Mike and Donna McGinnis'** home in Marysville, WA.

Donna McGinnis: From our bylaws: Skagit-Snohomish HCCA Officers are also voting members during our board meetings.

Mike McGinnis, having completed a Dale Carnegie course years ago on problem solving,

Mike took control as spokesman for our "problem solving" meeting today.

Define the problem: We had spent over the expected budget leaving us well over \$1,100 for a shortfall on our 2017 Clarkston Skagit-Snohomish HCCA fall tour. A long discussion followed on how much money was originally put into financing the Fall Tour. Seed money amount was all sorted out.

Cause of the problem: The 18% gratuity plus the sales taxes added onto our meals were not calculated into our final tour package costs. Those times the 90 guests that we pre ordered for, plus the "No Show" registrations put us into deep debt. Plus, a full refund on the no show guests would also leave us without any seed money for our 2018 Fall Tour.

Solution to the problem: Collect from the "did not pay" guests. Reduce the refunds for the "no show guests", correct any math errors. (One was found on the work sheet). **Harold Musolf III** stated that "during the last nineteen years that our S/S HCCA has not been making refunds on

our fall tour no shows. The Portland HCCA regional group also does not make refunds out to their regional tour no shows”.

Donna McGinnis added that “we have tried since then to return at least some, if not all, of the money paid, depending upon the final surplus.”

Final findings: The last \$1,100 check #1040 from the S/S HCCA check book to **Mike Martin** was unnecessary and it will be torn up. Chris and **Keene Brewer** donated \$84.03 in excess to what was still owed on their registration balance. Thank you.

Ray Markley motioned that we refund only \$40 to each of the five “no shows”. A discussion followed. It was voted on and passed that we would only refund \$40 to each of the five registrations, or: \$200 for a total. **Mike Martin** would be paid for the money owed to him that was presently being covered by his bank card.

The fall tour’s final October bank statement is not in yet and when that arrives, a close out of the fall tour’s bank account and final accounting will be made at that time.

Pat Farrell: It looks like after all of this discussion, our 2017 Fall Tour will end up barely in the black.

Prevention from future problems like this shortfall: **Harold Musolf III** suggested that in the future, the S/S HCCA board should preview the Fall Tour’s proposed budget sheet prior to the tour chairman proceeding with spending any money. One purpose of the fall tour was not to make money, but to break even. Pat Farrell suggested that in order to break even, that a percentage of possibly 10% of the tour cost should be added to the registration amount to cover any shortfalls. After the tour, anything much in excess of \$10 could then be refunded to the tour participants. Harold the III suggested of adding only about \$10 to the registration costs to cover any future short falls; and that anything excess of \$10 per registrant should be refunded.

No final determination on future refunds was made.

Donna McGinnis added: Remember to always to add to the tour expenses: meal’s gratuities, and taxes.

Dave Ellis: The S/SHCCA should allow the tour chairman to run our fall tours without total board control. With over control, the tour creativity by the chairmen could be greatly hampered.

Vicki Markley: “A minimum tour deposit amount could be sent any time. Therefore, it is non-refundable on receipt. The "Balance due" on Mike's registration form was August 1st. This date could vary depending on who is putting on the tour -- date not set in stone. Any money received before or after that date, as I understood it, becomes non-refundable.”

Donna McGinnis: We, too, had the same impression as Pat that the deposit fee was non-refundable only after the "August 1st" deadline, which would mean that it is refundable up until that date. That is the norm for most groups; if you make it non-refundable immediately, many people will wait until the deadline to send any money. Also, if anyone chooses to send in the full amount early in order to help bolster the "seed" money, they should be encouraged to do so, not penalized (except for the set deposit amount after the "Aug.1" date.)

Dave Ellis: To strengthen our club’s bank account, should be raise our yearly dues? **Mike McGinnis:** With our 40 annual dues paying members, raising the dues by \$5/ year, at that rate it would take our club five years to raise an additional \$1,000.

New Topic: **Vicki Markley** called the national HCCA and their response was that \$10/ per car paid into the national HCCA was not required on our regional tours. The \$10 paid in is only required on our National tours. A summary of the National’s J.C.Taylor insurance policy was circulated and it was determined that the officers and directors were covered by the National’s insurance policy. **Pat Farrell** requested a full HCCA J.C.Taylor insurance policy in a PDF file for our critical review.

Dave Ellis and **Vicki Markley** will follow up on that request.

Adjournment: At 2:25 PM, **Pat Farrell** moved to adjourn the Board Meeting. **Vicki Markley** seconded it. Motion passed.

Ray Markley had this to add: My understanding is there is one tour fee due date. Also I understand the S/S HCCA will advance start-up money to the tour chairman which will be paid back to the S/S.

The deposit (\$40?) is a good faith fee paid to show interest in and reserve a place on the tour. This money is spent on tour start-up costs (such as banquet room reservations, etc.) and therefore is nonrefundable, since it has already been allocated. There may or may not be a deposit due date. Only deposits rejected because a tour is full should be refunded.

There is a due date for the tour fee. All tour fees paid before the due date can be refundable if requested prior to the due date. After the due date the tour committee is spending money on all kinds of different things, name badges, goody bags, etc, etc. After the due date money paid before or after the due date is not refundable. This seems pretty easy to understand. Any start-up money from the club should be paid back after the tour fee due date.



Christmas Party, December 9

Thank you all who sent in your RSVP and money for the noon lunch we will be having at Denny Aker's on December 9th. There will also be a meeting, hence this brief newsletter.

Directions are as follows:

To get there from the North or South traveling on I-5:

Take Exit 182 onto I-405 at Lynnwood and follow for approximately 3 miles

Take exit 26 and go right onto Bothell-Everett Highway for 0.2 mile

Take left at first light, this will be 228th St S.E. (there are 2 left turn lanes) and follow 228th for 2 miles

Take left on 45th Ave S.E. and travel 0.9 miles where the address will be on the right.

To get there from the South traveling on I-405:

Take exit 26 and go left onto Bothell-Everett Highway for 0.4 miles

Take left at 2nd light on Bothell-Everett Highway, which will put you onto 228th St. S.E. (there are 2 left turn lanes) and follow 228th for 2 miles

Take left at 45 Ave S.E. and travel 0.9 miles where the address will be on the right.

There is a house along the driveway that fronts 45th. Continue up the driveway and park to the right of the building that will be directly ahead.

See you there!

Tom





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YEAR 2018

SKAGIT/SNOHOMISH REGIONAL GROUP HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB OF AMERICA

Regional Group Membership – Any person/family who is a current member of the national HCCA with ownership and/or interest in pre-1916 automobiles shall be eligible to apply for membership. Members are entitled to all Regional Group privileges, including receiving notices of club functions and newsletters, a roster of members, the right to hold office, and the right to vote (ownership of a pre-1916 automobile is a requirement for voting rights). Members agree to abide by all rules and regulations as designated by the bylaws of this Regional Group and the National HCCA. Dues in the SKAGIT/SNOHOMISH REGIONAL GROUP are \$15.00 per calendar year and **membership in the NATIONAL HCCA is a prerequisite.** National dues are currently \$45.00 per year.

NAME: _____
Last name Applicant Co-Applicant

PHONE: (_____) _____ NATIONAL HCCA# _____

ARE NATIONAL DUES CURRENT? Yes _____ No _____ *National dues must be current to process

CELL PHONES: Applicant: (_____) _____ Co-Applicant:(____) _____

ADDRESS: Street: _____

City State Zip

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ @ _____

_____ Yes, correspondence by email is fine. _____ No, I need correspondence by mail

YEAR MAKE OF AUTO MODEL BODY TYPE

In compliance with the laws of the state of Washington, I certify that I have Automobile Liability Insurance (P.D. & P.L.) on my antique cars used for club functions. I also agree to make sure that the policy is in force for the entire year no matter when the expiration date is.

NAME OF COMPANY _____ NAME OF AGENT _____

POLICY # _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ CHARTER/LIFETIME MEMBER: Yes _____ No _____

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19th Annual Regional Tour

